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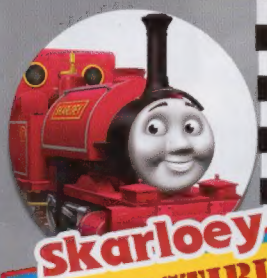

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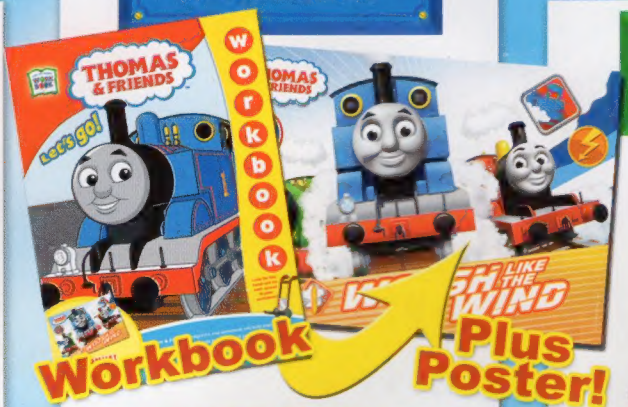

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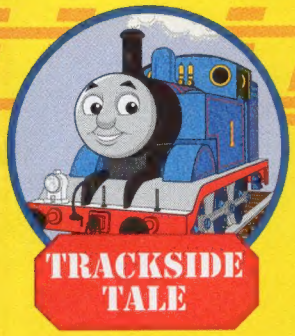


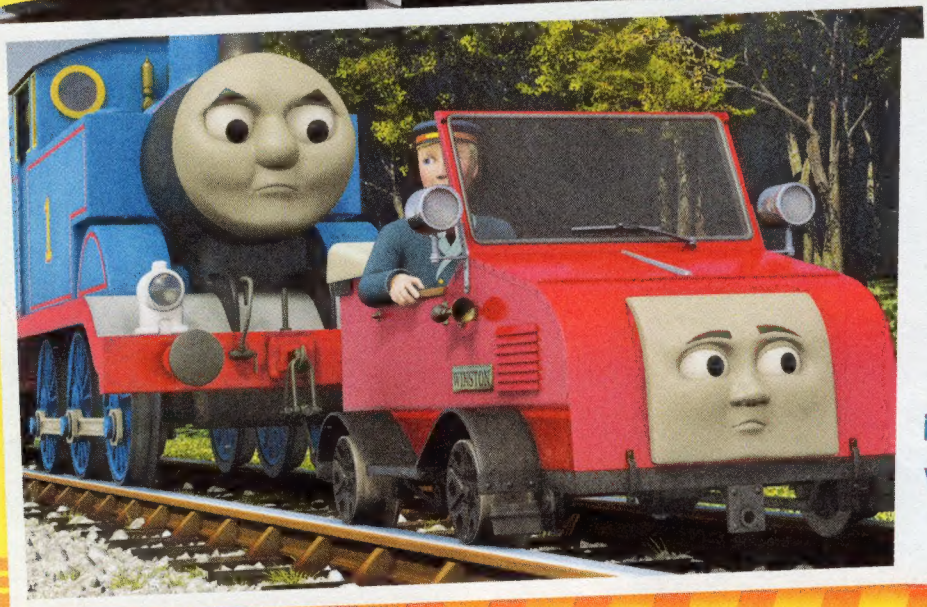
A Big Surprise!

1. On Sir Topham Hatt's birthday, he rolled up to Brendam Docks in Winston. He gave Thomas his jobs for the day and told him to take Winston with him on his rounds so Winston could get to the know the stations better. When Sir Topham Hatt left, Salty started to tell everyone a story.

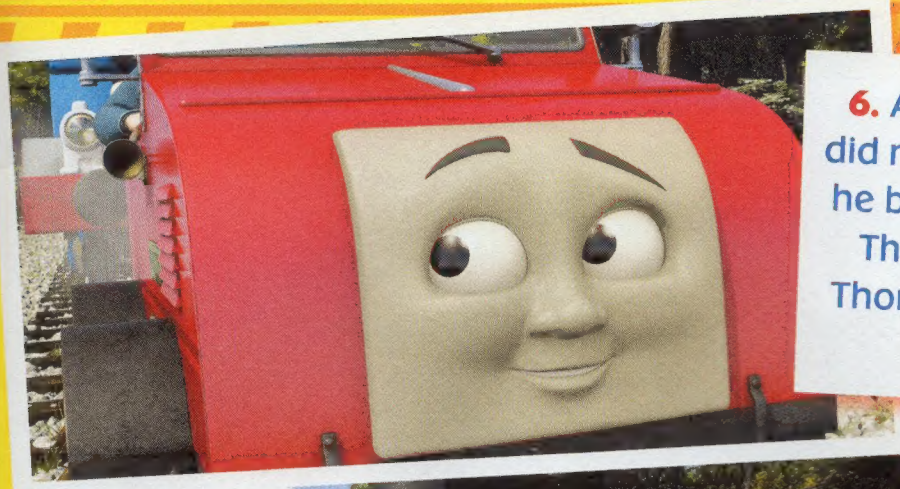
2. The engines listened as Salty explained how Sir Topham Hatt used to visit all the stations on the island in an old open top carriage for his birthday. Salty added that the carriage had been missing for many years now and Sir Topham Hatt still missed that special birthday journey!

3. After listening to Salty's story, Thomas and Winston went on to the first job at Farmer Trotter's farm. When Thomas was finished there, he called out to Winston, but could not see him anywhere. "Uh-oh!" thought Thomas. "If I let Winston get lost I'll be in trouble."

4. Just as Thomas said goodbye to Farmer Trotter, Winston turned up again. He told Thomas he'd been searching for something. "Please stay with me, Winston."

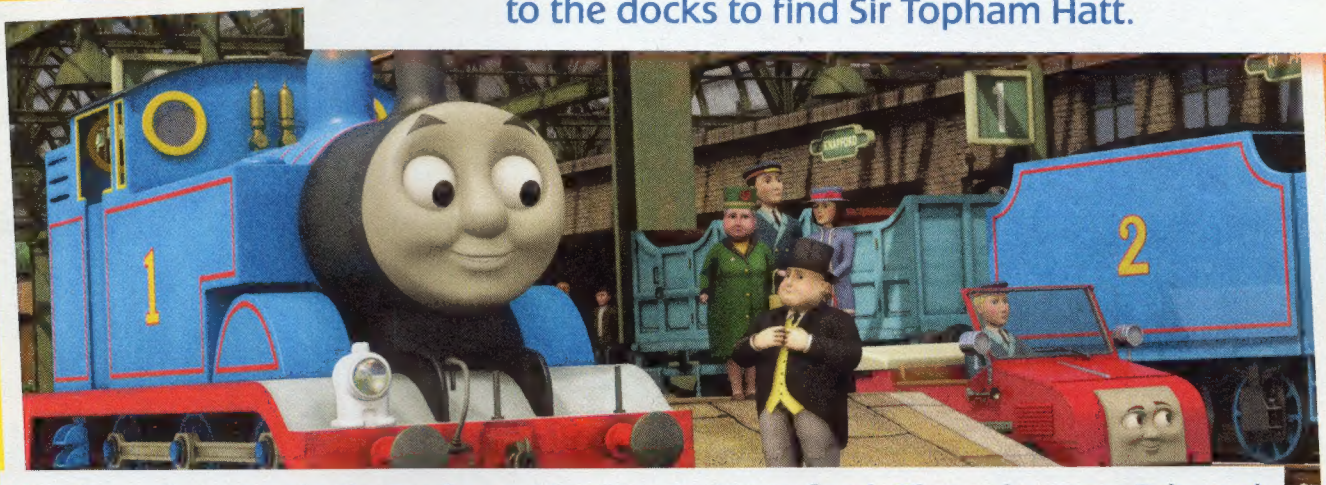


5. Then Thomas went on to collect some logs. Once he was finished, he saw that Winston had disappeared again! When Winston returned, he told Thomas he had found something interesting. But Thomas just went ahead, wanting to get his jobs done.



6. As they chuffed along, Thomas did not see Winston slow down and he bumped into him. "What now?" Thomas cried. Winston showed Thomas what he had found. It was the old birthday carriage!

7. Thomas was delighted and said they should take the carriage back to The Steamworks to have it fixed. What a great surprise it would be! Thomas and Winston headed to the docks to find Sir Topham Hatt.



8. Then they took Sir Topham Hatt on to Knapford. There he saw Edward steam in, hauling the fixed carriage. Sir Topham Hatt was very happy. "This is the best birthday present ever!" he said, as Thomas peeped in delight. All of Winston's wanderings had been Really Useful after all!

What can you remember from the story?

Salty told the engines a story.
True ☐ False ☐

Thomas spoke with Farmer Trotter.
True ☐ False ☐

Thomas' first stop was to collect logs.
True ☐ False ☐

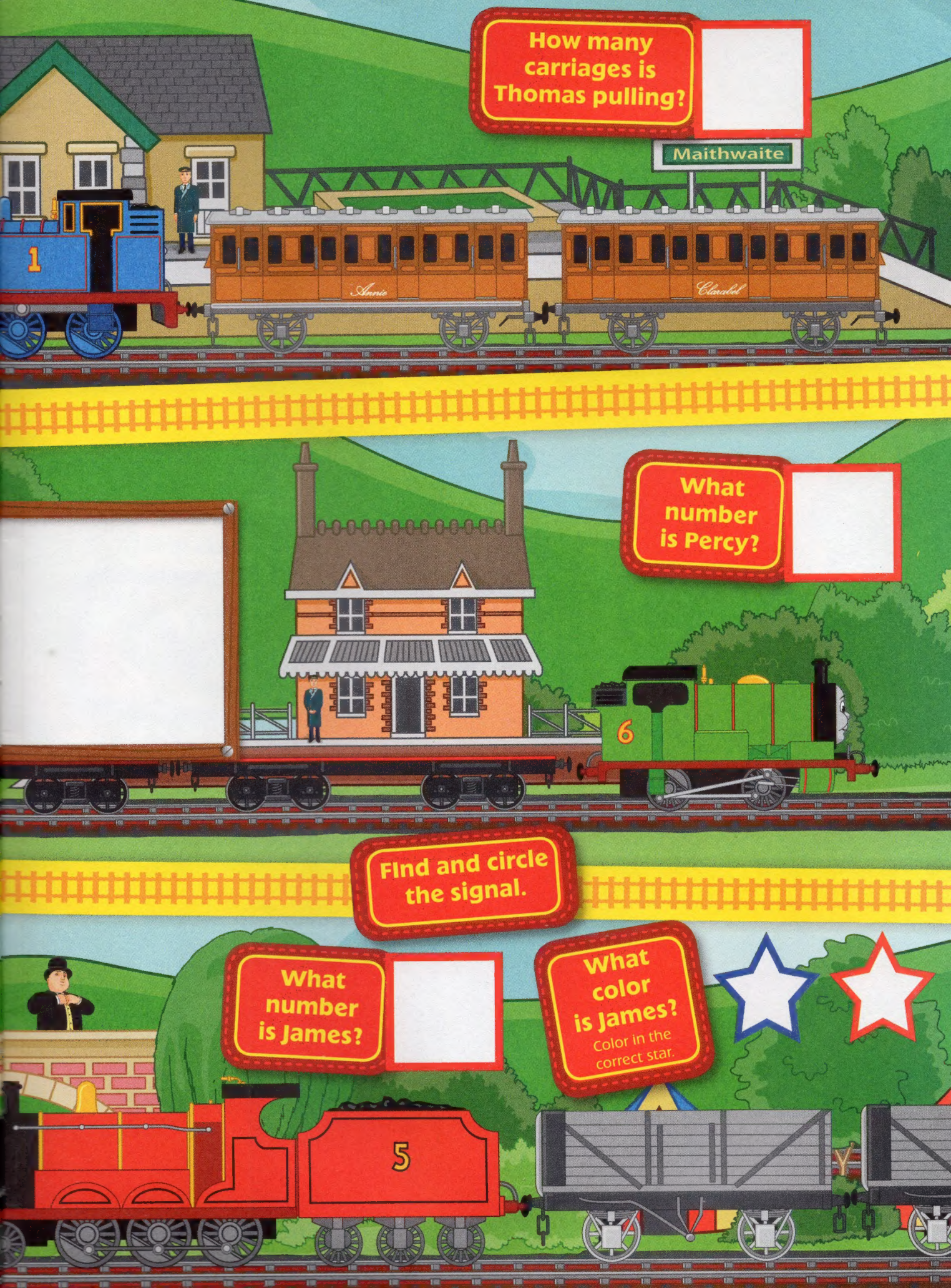
ALL ABOARD!

Here come Thomas, Percy, and James in a race! Who will finish first? When you see a speech bubble, read the announcement out loud.

Sir Topham Hatt

Draw some freight for Percy to carry.

Color and cut out your very own ticket.


How many carriages is Thomas pulling?
Maithwaite
1
Annie
Clarabel
What number is Percy?
6
Find and circle the signal.
What number is James?
What color is James?
Color in the correct star.
5

FLAGS AND SIGNALS

Flags and signals help stop the steamies from bumping into each other!

1

Trace over the words below.

stop

go

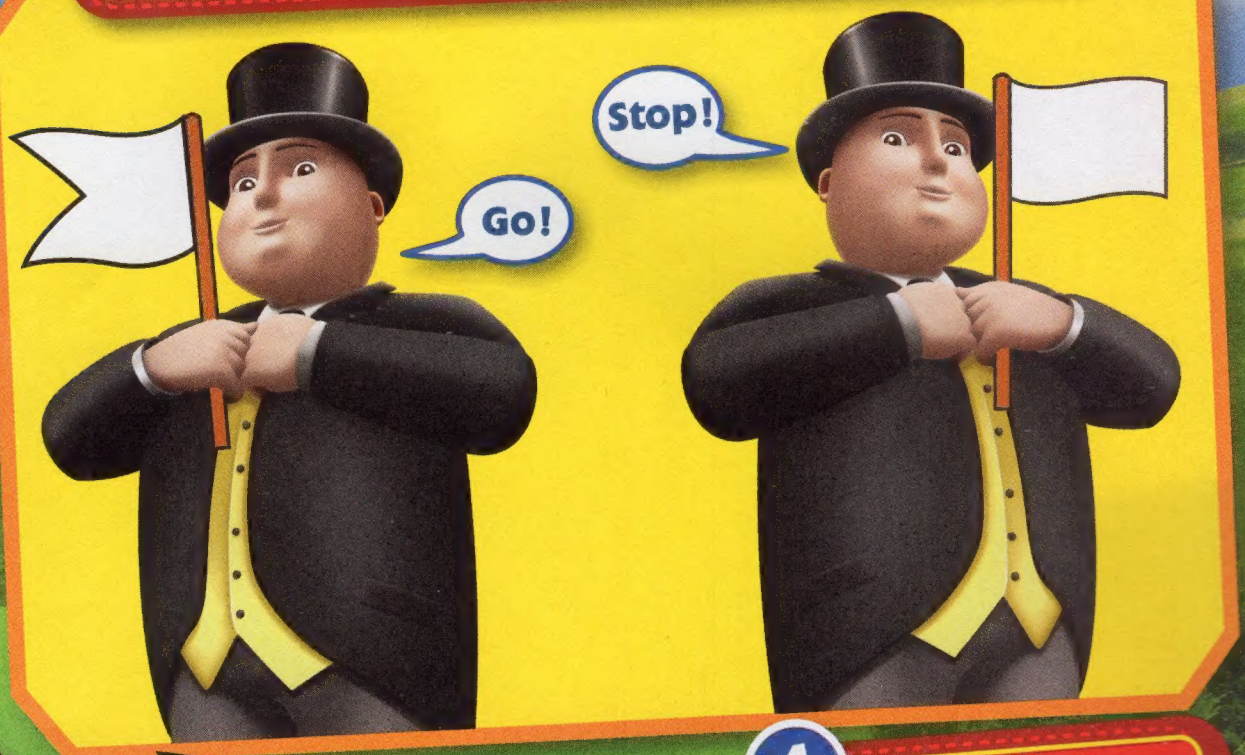
2

Who has puffed through the signals? Check the correct answer.

Edward ☐

Thomas ☐

3 Flags help to guide the engines. Red flags mean stop and green ones mean go. Color Sir Topham Hatt's flags to match what he is saying.



4 How many flags can you count?

Check the correct box.

red ☐

green ☐

Which color has **more** flags?

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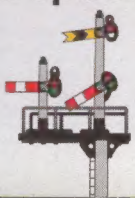
Green - The tracks are clear, approach at the allowed speed.

Yellow - Slow down and proceed carefully.

Red - Stop. Proceed when signal is **green** again.



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FACT FILE

Name: Skarloey
Type: Narrow Gauge
Color: Maroon with gold trim
Works: Blue Mountain Quarry
Did you know? Skarloey is one of the oldest engines on the Narrow Gauge Railway. He even has his own branch line, called Skarloey Railway! Skarloey is based on a modified Fletcher, Jennings & Co. 0-4-0ST narrow gauge engine.

And a little more...

Skarloey is kind and wise and watches over all the engines who work at the Blue Mountain Quarry.

Cut out and keep! Collect another engine fact file in the next issue.

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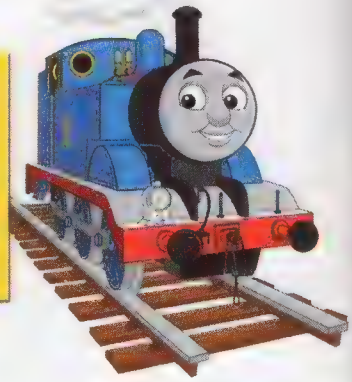
Trace over the numbers and write in the missing ones.



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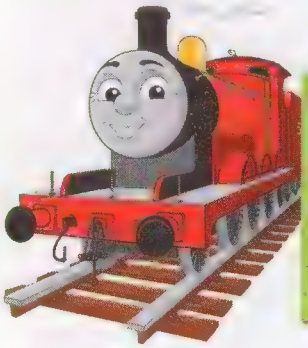

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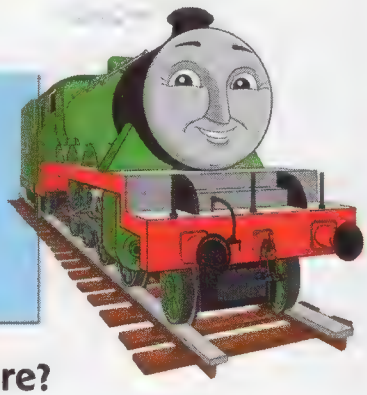
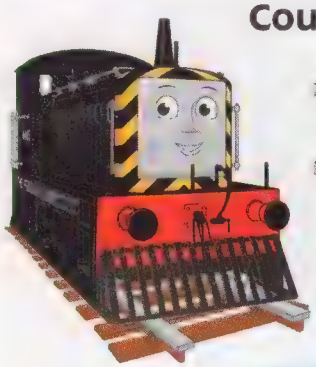
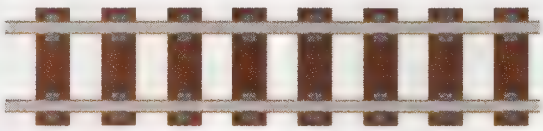
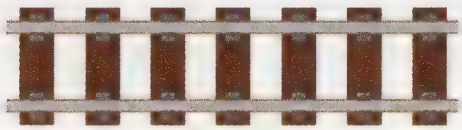


1	2		4	

Count the railroad ties. Which group has more?



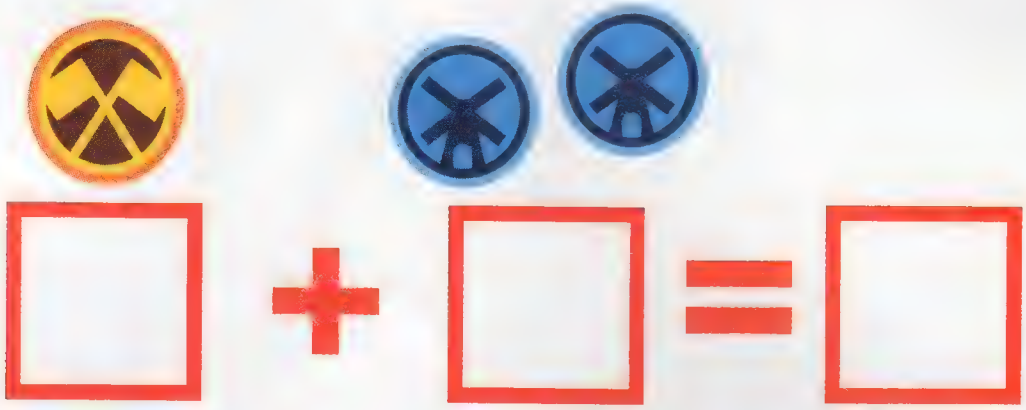


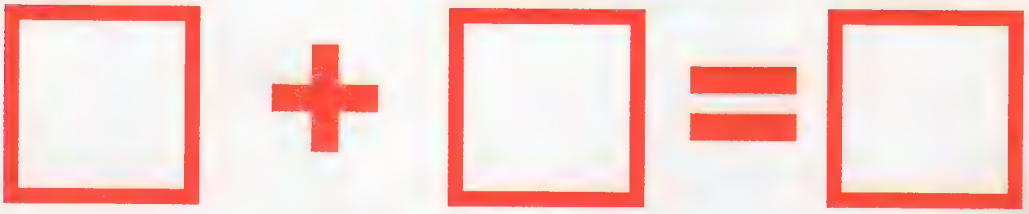


1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent Note
Counting helps develop math skills and number recognition.

Add the signs and write the numbers in the boxes.





Now circle the group in each row with the fewest signs.

oil cans

hammers

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

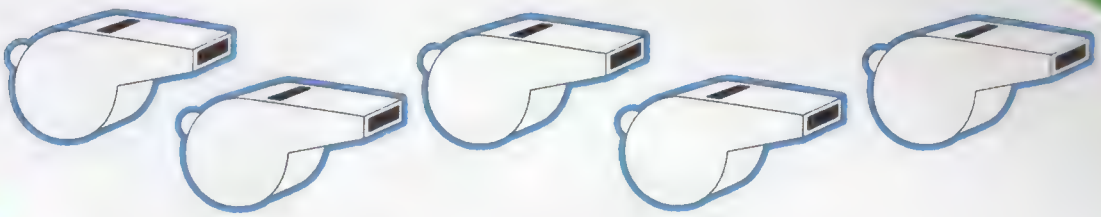
Find

Rosie and Thomas are at Knapford Station. Find and circle 5 differences in picture B.

A

Circle the **ticket** that is different.

Color a whistle for each difference you find.

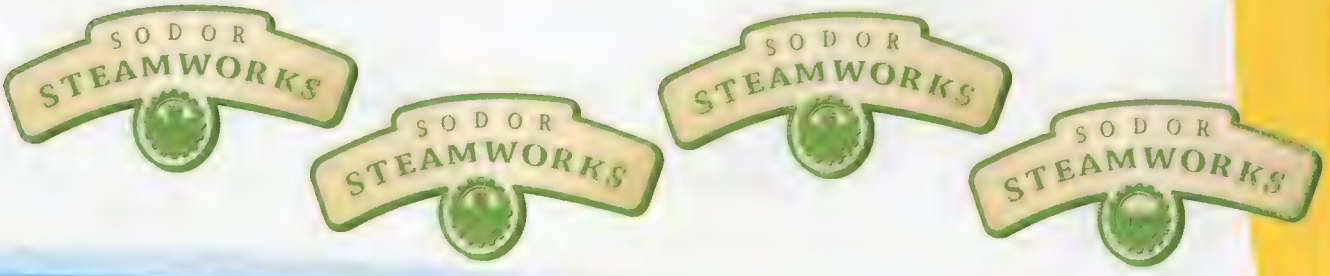


Parent Note

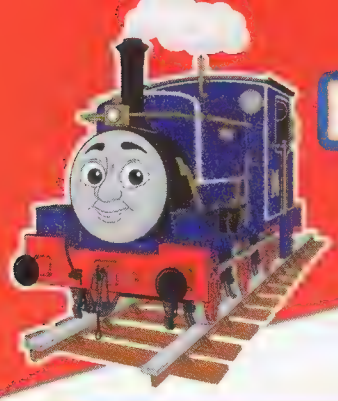
Looking at details in pictures builds observation skills.

B

Circle the sign that is different.



Answers: Don't peek to picture B! 1. Steam is coming from Rosie's funnel. 2. A lady has disappeared. 3. There is a dog on the platform. 4. Rosie has number 2 on her side. 5. The guard's trousers have changed to red.



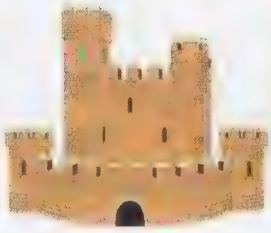
Letters

Write the uppercase letter **C** to complete the names below.

C c

Practice writing the letter **C** **c** here.

Now trace over the letters of each name.



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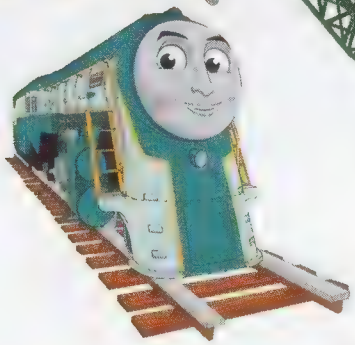

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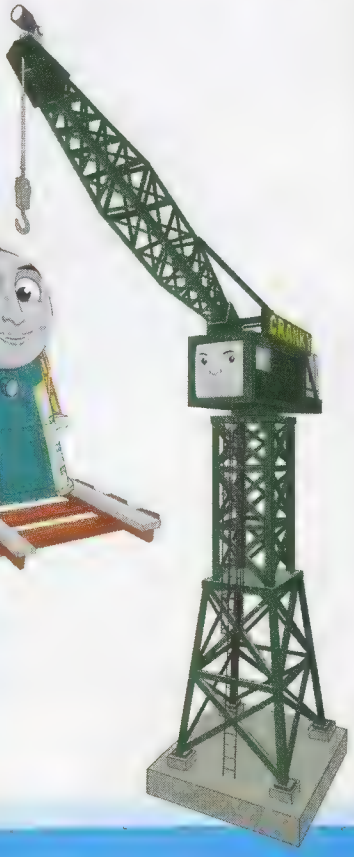


□ranky

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Start

Connect a path in alphabetical order to help Thomas collect his delivery.

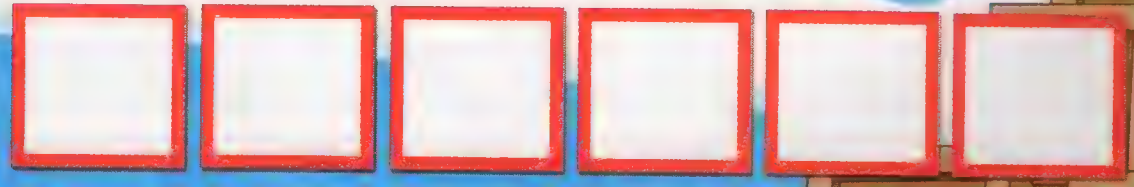
Parent Note

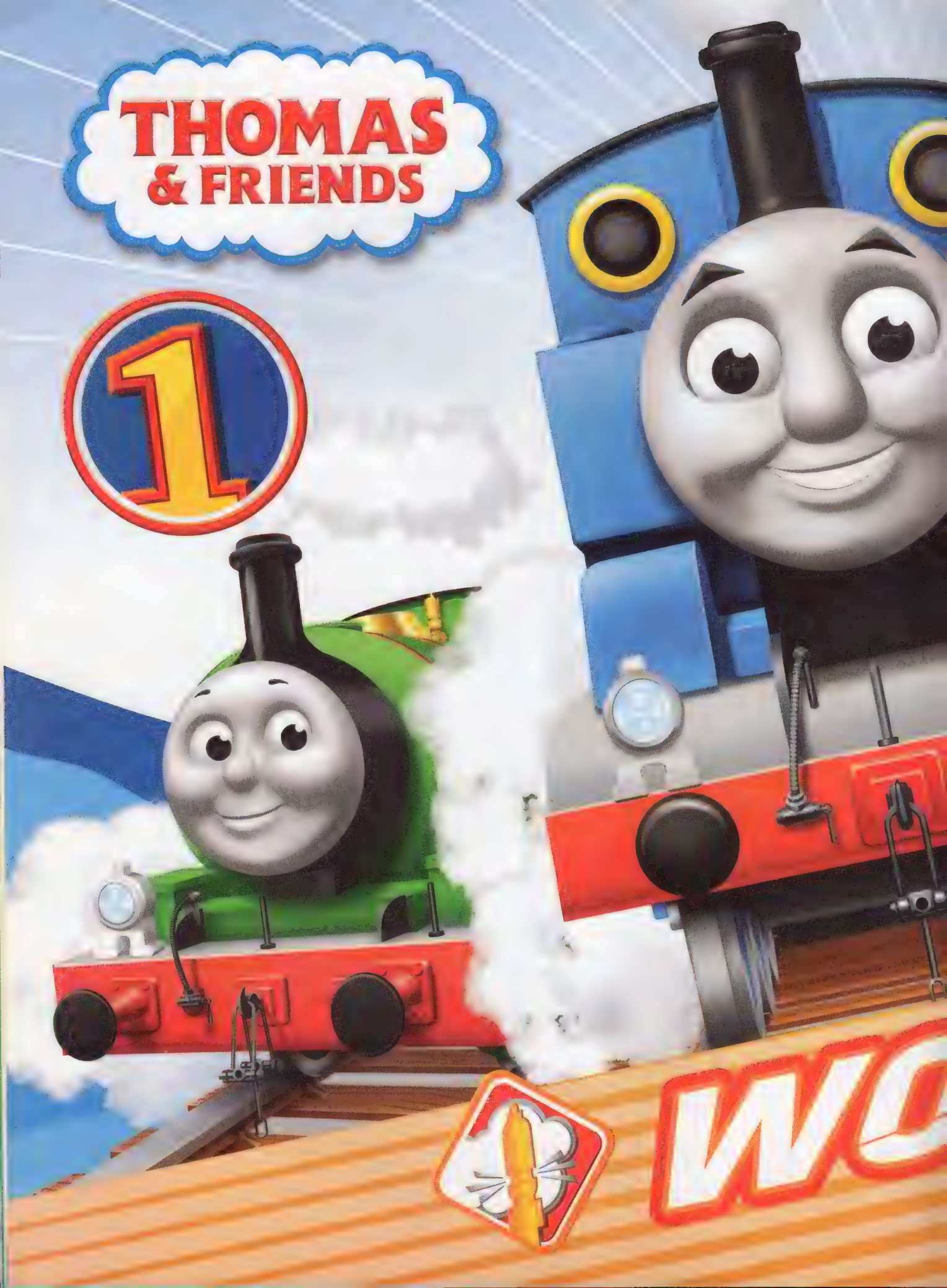
These activities develop writing skills and letter recognition.

A Z B W Q N T X C M U S D Z L T E X N A Y F R O P R G M L K J I H N X A C B Z W O P Q R S T U C A E N I G V T B F A X W Y Z

Finish

Unscramble the letters in green to spell out what Thomas is collecting!

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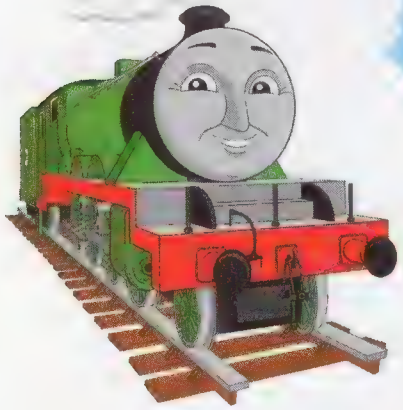
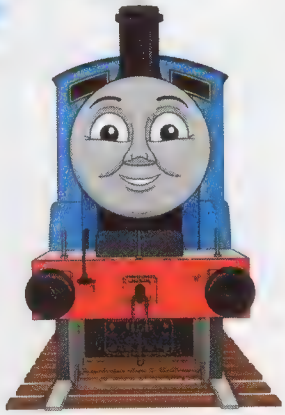
Match

Match each engine to its shadow by drawing a line.

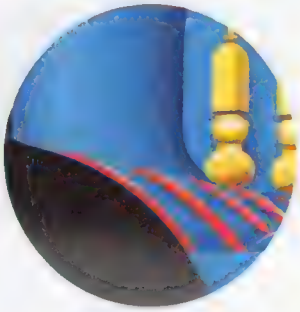




Circle the shadow that does not have a match.

Check each box as you find the close-ups in the big picture.

Parent Note
These activities help advance visual dexterity.



Coloring

Winston wants to take Sir Topham Hatt around the island. Finish coloring the picture to complete the scene.

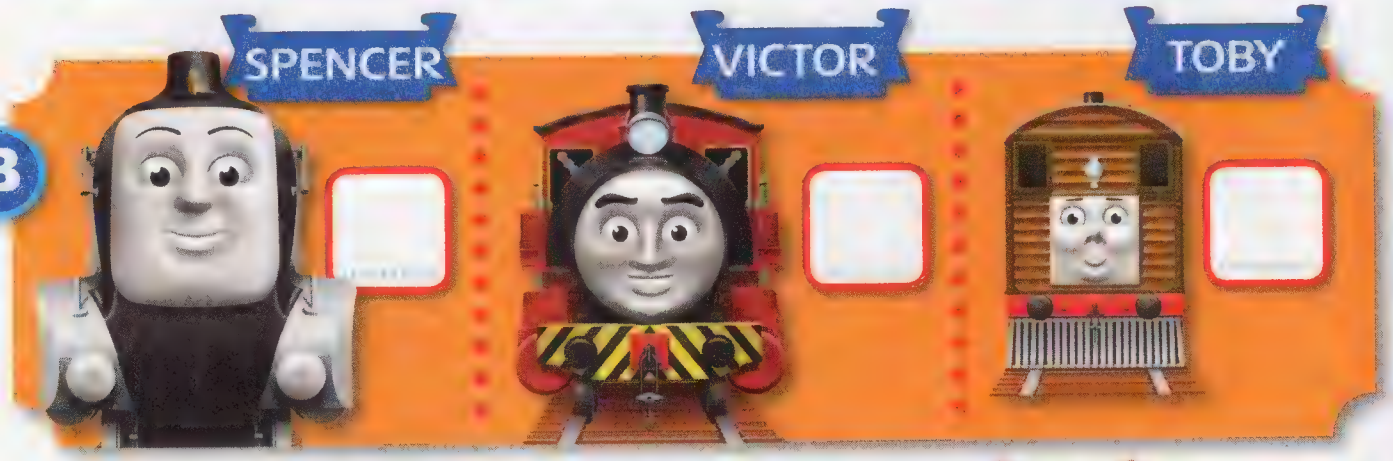
Parent Note
Coloring improves fine motor skills and color awareness.

Sizes

Write 1 for the big engine, 2 for the bigger engine and 3 for the biggest engine in the boxes below.

A

B



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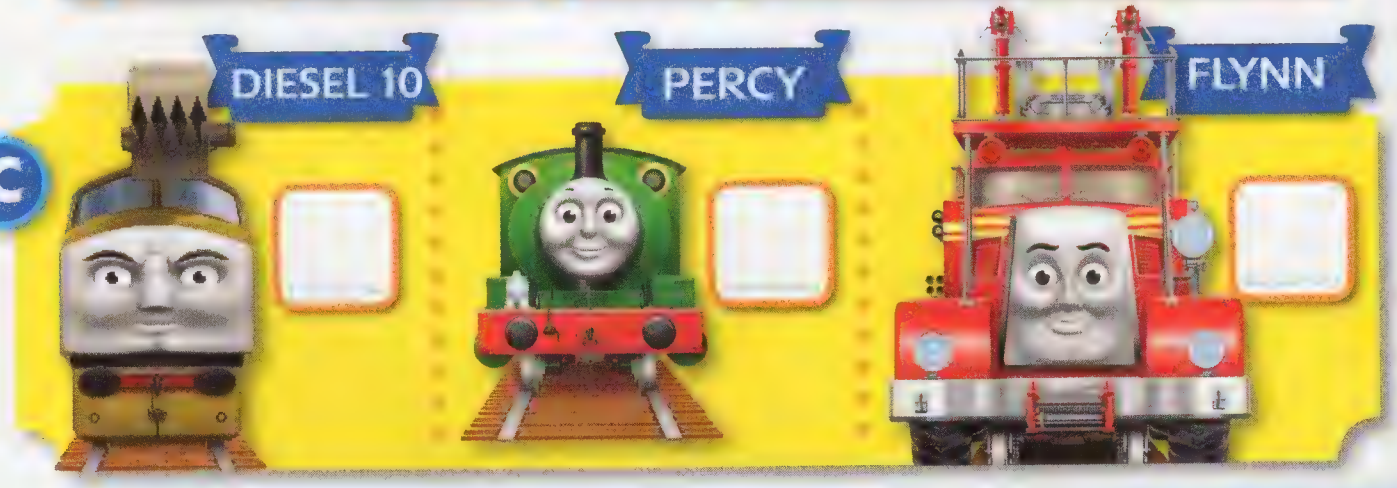


Circle the largest sign.

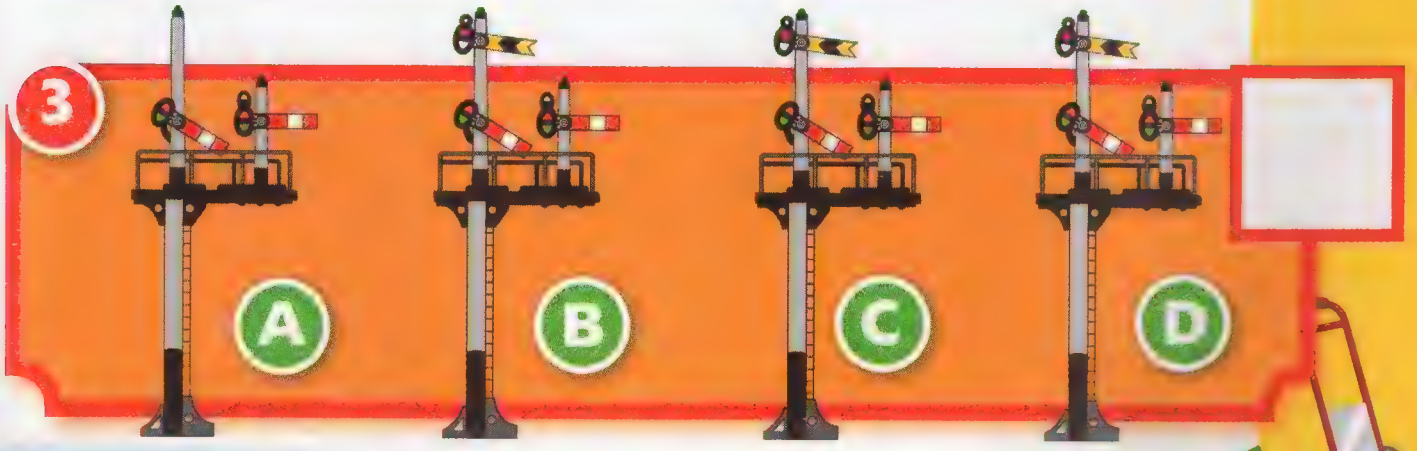
Which is different?

Which object is different in each row? Write the correct letter in the red boxes.

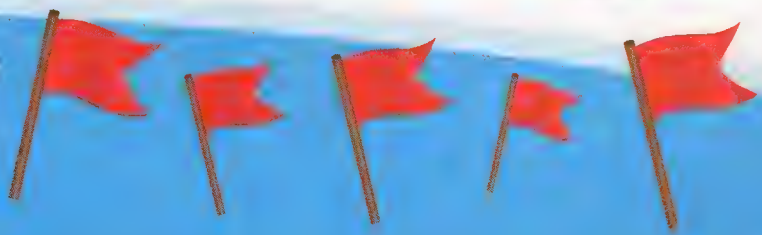
1

2

3



Circle the smallest flag.



Parent Note
These activities increase cognitive skills by recognizing size and visual differences.

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Check the box next to each activity you have completed.

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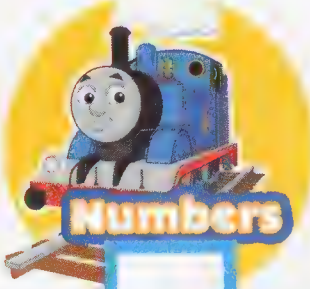

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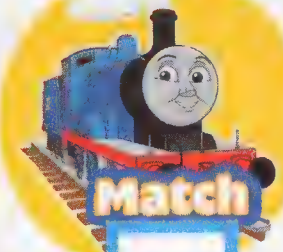

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Write your name on the dotted line.

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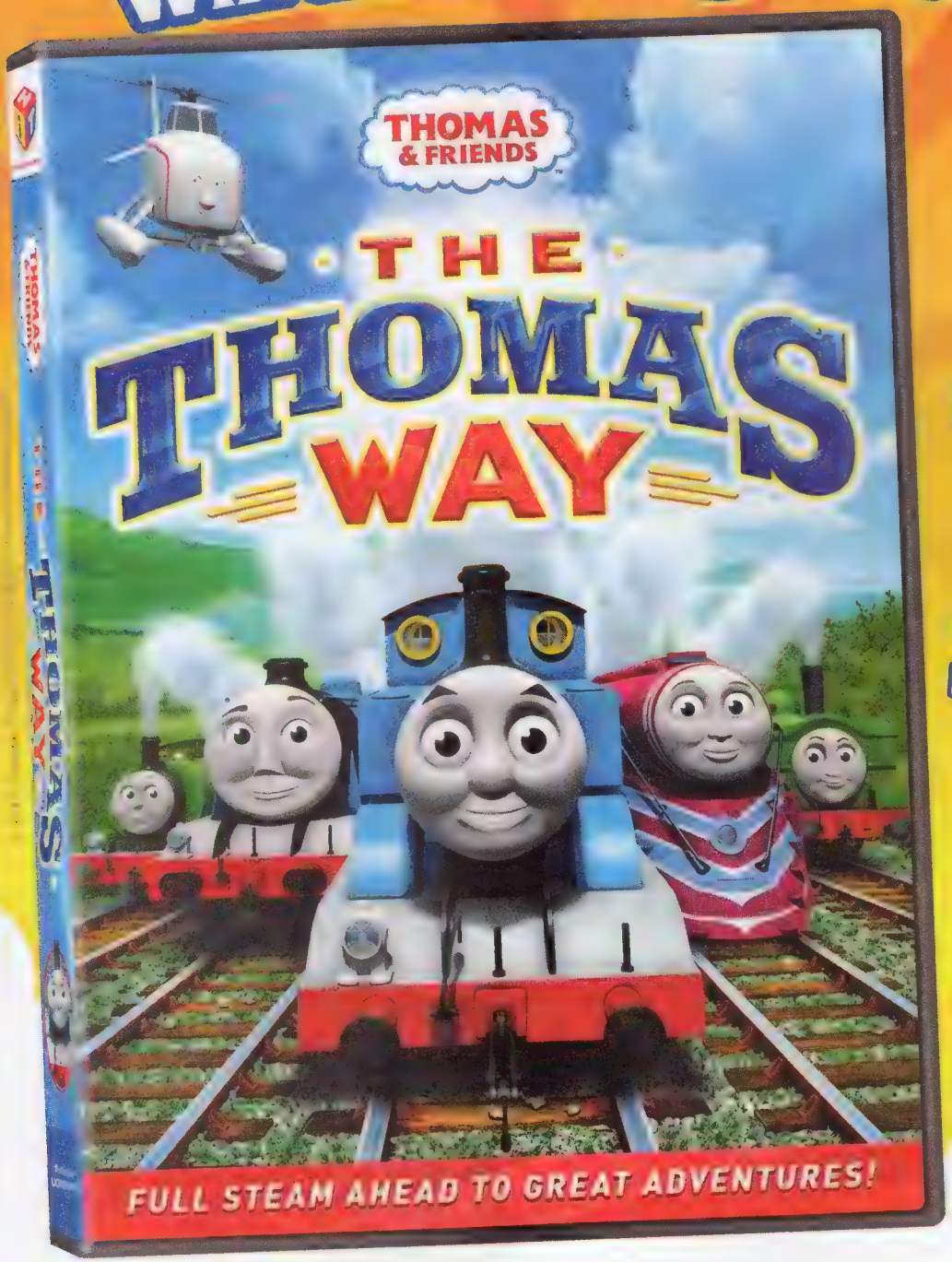

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TALES FROM THE TRACKS

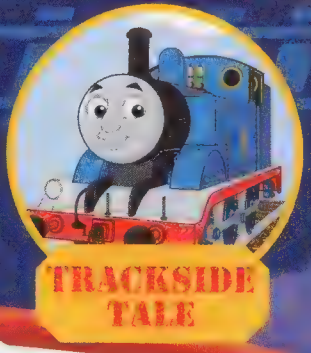
Take a Wh

Once upon a time on Sodor...

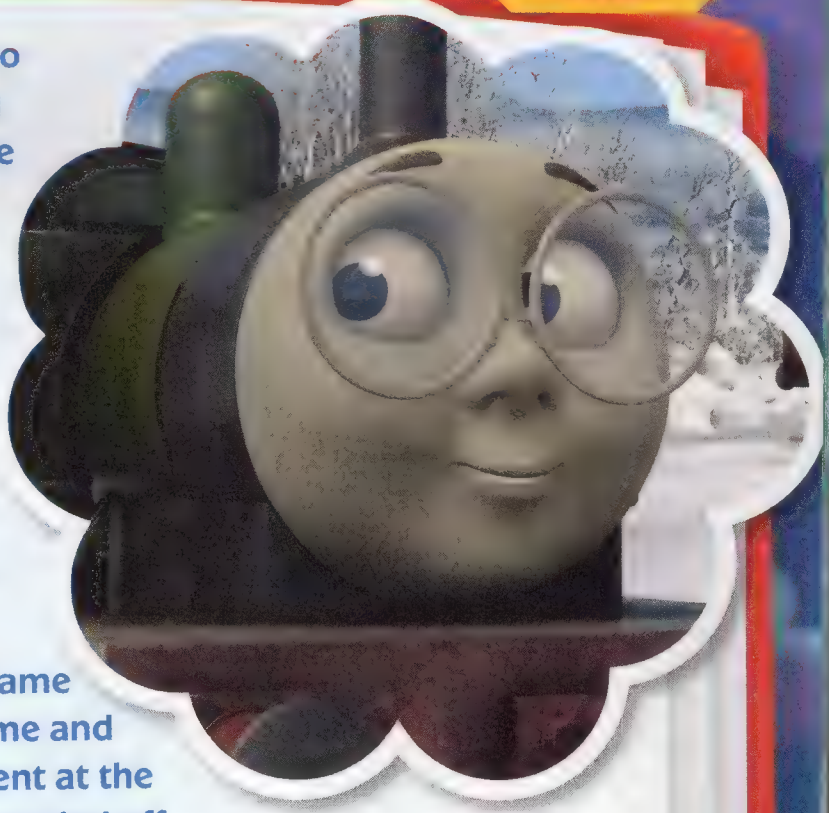
Whiff was rolling happily along the rails, carrying garbage from stations to the dump. Thomas and some of the other engines thanked him for doing such a splendid job. But when Whiff passed James just outside of Knapford Station, James wasn't so friendly. "Phew, you stink!" he huffed. "Don't come near me! I don't want you to make my shiny boiler dirty and smelly." Whiff felt sad. He might be smelly but he was just as useful as the other engines, and he wanted them all to be his friends.

James chuffed away, complaining about the smell. Whiff sighed but chugged down the line to carry on with his garbage collecting jobs. By the middle of the afternoon, Whiff had done all his work. Sir Topham Hatt was so impressed with Whiff that he gave him the rest of the day off! Meanwhile, James was down

iff, James!



at the docks waiting for a big delivery to arrive. Cranky was working hard, lifting large bundles of garbage high up above James ready to be collected by Whiff the following day. James was going to complain about the stink again when the bottom of one of the bundles that Cranky was lifting split open, and lots of smelly garbage splattered all over James. The engine whistled in shock. "Bust my buffers!" he cried. "Now I'm the smelliest engine I've ever known!"

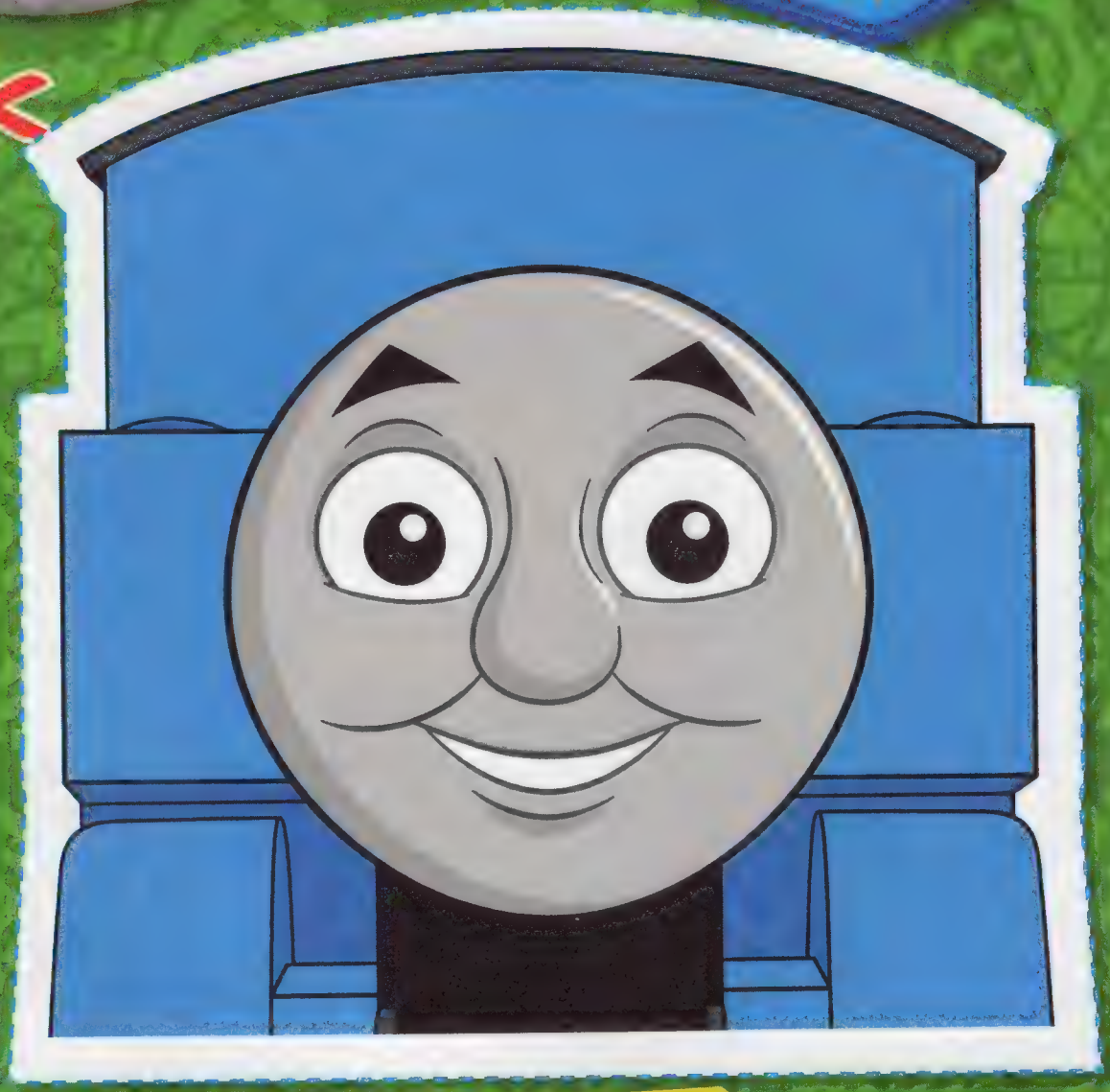


Back at Whiff's shed, Sir Topham Hatt came running in. "I'm afraid I need you to come and help clear some garbage after an accident at the docks." "Yes, Sir!" whistled Whiff as he rattled off. What a surprise he had when he got there! Now James was just as dirty and smelly as him. "I can't even smell you any more, I stink so much myself," sighed James. Whiff smiled and quickly went about collecting all the garbage that had fallen onto James. When he had finished, James' embarrassed red cheeks matched his paint and he rolled off as fast as he could to the washdown.

That evening, Whiff was back in his shed when he heard a noise from outside. He rolled forward to take a better look and saw James there waiting for him, looking shiny and clean again. "Thanks for helping me earlier, Whiff," he said. "I may not like being dirty but being smelly doesn't mean that you can't be Really Useful... or a great friend." As James chugged away, Whiff peeped in delight, knowing he had a brand new friend!

CUT-OUT THOMAS

A parent and child activity



Make your Thomas on a flat surface, like a table. When you have put him together once, take him apart and see how quickly you can do it again!

THOMAS TIP!

Ask an adult to help you cut out the pieces!

Make sure you have finished with the pages on the back before you cut out Thomas!

Thomas is made up of many important parts!

Cut out the pieces here and put Thomas together.

Porthole

Porthole

Buffer

Funnel

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Lamp

Chassis

Wheels

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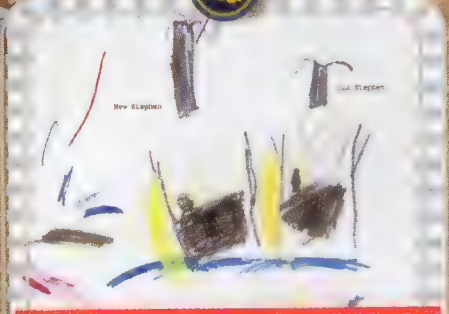

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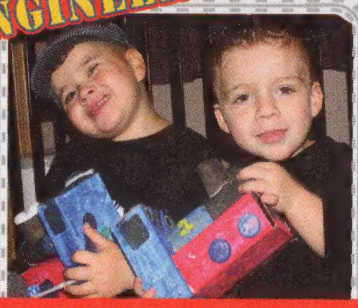

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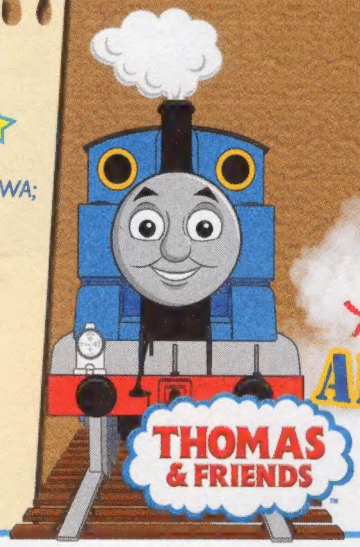

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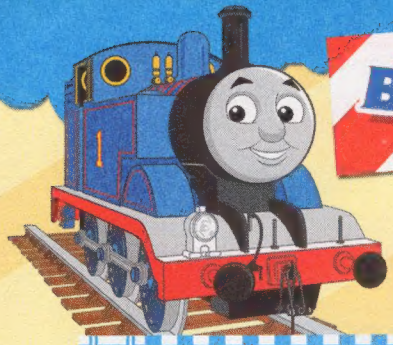

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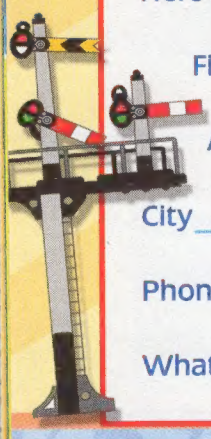

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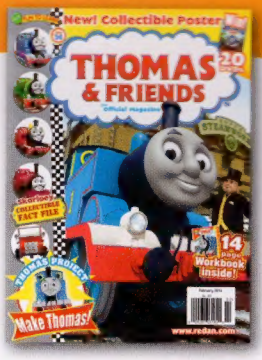

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